



Laliberté

HOPE AND TRUST

Constitution

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Vision & Mission of ‘La Liberte’

The Political Party Laliberte is aiming to protect and uphold our sovereignty, making the ‘rule of law and order’ a priority applicable to all.

It is a constitutional right for every Seychellois, to have liberty and freedom to express themselves understanding that rights come with responsibilities.

We will be advocates for good quality living standards with a higher level of health and education.

Reducing complexities in the social fabric whilst making steady progress in the area of the economy and infrastructure

Reassuring hope and trust in our political system and good governance, so that every Seychellois can enjoy a happy life with the help of foreign aid and local investment.

Article I

1.0. Description

- 1.1. ▶ The registered name of the Party shall be the “Laliberte” (English “Liberty”) abbreviated as (IBT).
- 1.2. ▶ Party logo and colours are described in the attached schedule.
- 1.3. ▶ ‘Laliberte’ (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Party’) shall be defined as a Socio-Liberal pragmatic Democratic Political Party. It shall be characterised by its equal beliefs in a mixed and contextualized socio-economic set up that is predominantly a ‘free-market’ that encourages Private-Public sector Partnerships, human dignity and decency based on the rule of law applicable to all, in a free democratic and sovereign state.
- 1.4. ▶ Diversifying political history of Seychelles, the party firmly believes in rebuilding hope and trust to every Seychellois, with a firm Political system as an essential ingredient to harmonize the diversity.
- 1.5. ▶ The Party firmly believes in the highest levels of patriotism, honesty and meritocracy in our democracy. In this light, the Party is in favor of installing a ‘Government of Democratic Unity’ where, regardless of political or religious opinions and affiliations, race and sexual orientation. The best trained, experienced and equipped person/s capable of efficiently delivering respective public services to the Seychellois, be called upon to assume key responsibilities for effective and efficient public service delivery to the people of Seychelles.

Article II

2.0. Objectivity

The objective of the Party shall be:

- 2.1. ▶ To build a Political Party that all Seychellois have hope and trust to elect a candidate in the Presidential and National Assembly Election.
- 2.2. ▶ Recruitment of the highest possible number of party members in electoral districts of the Republic for participation in campaigning and advocating the party-political strategic plan for good governance.
- 2.3. ▶ The party will raise funds to support its operation and strategic plan in the districts and communities with the ultimate mission of winning national general elections.
- 2.4. ▶ The Party will encourage the highest possible number of Party members to become active in its political mobilization and recruitment work in each district and sub-district.
- 2.5. ▶ To administer a National Headquarters to undertake the Party's political operation.
- 2.6. ▶ To provide political and socio-economic training at all levels of the Party:
 - A. To enhance understanding of the Party's principles and policies.
 - B. To develop the political and campaigning skills of Party activists and maximise their effectiveness.
 - C. To assist activists in achieving their highest potential as individuals within the Party.

Article III

3.0. Party Principles

- 3.1. ▶ The policies of the Party shall be according to these Principles that registered members officers of the Party shall accept, uphold and support.
- 3.2. ▶ Our belief to pursue political objectives which shall be of no interest superior to the national interest.
- 3.3. ▶ We believe in effective good governance and elimination of corruption within government institutions and structure while our justice frame work should be free from government interference.
- 3.4. ▶ Our belief in the elimination of all forms of discrimination and exploitation on the grounds of class, race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, political affiliation, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, regional location, economic or household status.
- 3.5. ▶ We firmly believe in maintaining and upholding our independence, sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Seychelles.
- 3.6. ▶ We believe in respecting "Rule of Law" according to the legal Constitution of Seychelles recognizing and protecting the fundamental political and civil rights, including freedom of expression, the press, assembly, association, conscience, religion as well as the right to privacy.

- 3.7. ▶ Our belief in a stable Government that can effectively regulate, deal with market-imperfections and address the escalation of cost of living. (price stability).
- 3.8. ▶ The Government should be facilitator for private sector investments (small, medium and large) directing policies at enhancing and protecting a stable quality of life for all Seychellois that is inextricably linked to the conservation of our pristine environment.
- 3.9. ▶ Fair equal wealth prosperity will build socio-political stability whereby all Seychellois will be able to select its most able, qualified and experienced personalities and professionals to form part of a future Seychelles with hope and trust in a government advocating good governance practice in the society.
- 3.10. ▶ We advocate a transparent, accountable, robust, relevant and effective democratic institution where all citizens have the opportunity to participate in critical decisions that shape and control their lives.
- 3.11. ▶ We understand the complexities in protecting our vast Exclusive Economic Zone and the need for its sustainable development and protection as well as its conservation for the next generation. Therefore, continuous support for professional capacity building, is important to up skill our Coast Guards and support their devotion towards this noble task.
- 3.12. ▶ The outer islands can be a potential economic resource for the stability of the country in the area of tourism, agricultural, marine and aquaculture development.

Article IV

4.0. Membership

- 4.1. ▶ Any citizens of Seychelles over eighteen (18) years of age and who accepts and supports the principles laid out in Article III of this Constitution and who agrees to be bound by this Constitution and the Rules made under, shall be able to apply for membership of the Party.
- 4.2. ▶ All membership application must submitted to the Executive Committee for vetting and approval by a voting methodology.
- 4.3. ▶ All members shall be required to have a membership card valid for a year which is renewable. Members with expired memberships will not be able to participate in any voting session in a convention.
- 4.4. ▶ Members are eligible to participate in a voting session in a convention as long as their membership has exceeded one month to avoid fraudulent voting.
- 4.5. ▶ An Executive member or office bearer can only be removed from his/her post by all the other executive committee members.
- 4.6. ▶ The Executive Committee can suspend an Executive Member for behavioral misconduct violating the Party Constitution or damaging the Party's reputation. The members will be informed by a notification letter of suspension from the Secretary General endorsed by a majority vote by the Executive Members.
- 4.7. ▶ An executive member's mandate can only be terminated by all executive members or Extraordinary Convention after a notification letter has been sent with evidence of the violation provided to the registered members for action in the Extraordinary Convention or Party Convention.

- 4.8. ▶ The Executive Members can terminate a registered member for violation of the party constitution and damaging the party image and reputation.
- 4.9. ▶ Any registered member has the right to participate in all party activities i.e voting, to contest executive membership, to participate as a candidate for national assembly elections with agreement from all members of the executive committee.
- 4.10. ▶ Any ordinary member with the intention of being a presidential candidate may submit their credentials to the executive committee for approval and endorsement.
- 4.11. ▶ Election of approved presidential candidate and approved national assembly candidate will take place in an extraordinary convention.

Article V

5.0. The Party Leadership Structure (Executive Committee)

- 5.1. ▶ There shall be a Party Leader who shall be the head of the Party, unless he/she decided to be Presidential Candidate that would be a decision of the Party Convention as it is the supreme body of the Party structure.
- 5.2. ▶ The Executive Committee of the Party shall comprise of:
 - 1. Party Leader
 - 2. Secretary General
 - 3. Party Chairman
 - 4. Party Vice-Chairman
 - 5. Treasurer
 - 6. District Representatives (Optional)
 - 7. Association of Registered Members (Optional)
- 5.3. ▶ The Executive Committee shall comprise of between 8 to 15 members and can be co-opted by the executive committee from a voting methodology of approval and endorsement later at an extraordinary or a party convention. Any successful voting in the executive committee as well as in the convention has to be on a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority basis. A convention shall consist of either executive committee members or including ordinary members.
- 5.4. ▶ The Executive Committee has the mandate to manage the party along with its superior leaders elected by the registered members from a convention.
- 5.5. ▶ The Executive Committee has an elected mandate for five years and any change e.g to terminate or change or replace a member whether from death, illness or disciplinary behavioral action. The mandate of an Executive position shall be determined at an extraordinary or a party Convention.

5.6. ▶ The Executive shall determine the administrative policy of the Party Leader and Secretary General to how the Party shall be essentially administered according to the Campaign Strategic Plan drafted by the Party Chairman and approved by the Executive Committee.

5.7. ▶ A person elected as MNA representing its constituency in the National Assembly will be able to keep the post as Party Leader, Secretary General or Treasurer and will be able to be on the executive committee.

5.9. ▶ Party Structure Leadership Responsibilities

1. Party Leader

- Shall be the person in charge of the implementation of the Campaign Strategic Plan for the election.
- Attend and be the Party representatives for any invitation to any events at a Foreign/National Level.
- Monitor and Oversee the Party managing plan for District Representatives for General election.
- He or She may be responsible for other duties of implementation which would be assigned according to the Strategic Plan and Executive management body.

2. Secretary General

- The person in charge of managing the Secretariat Party office and liaison officer to all correspondence and media publications at national and international level.
- The person in charge of notifying the registered members for the convention and approval by the Executive Committee.
- The person in post has the capacity as Secretary General to call a convention by informing Party Leader and Chairperson but requires approval and endorsement of 75% of the Executive Committee.
- Other duties and responsibility will be assigned to the Secretary General in reference to the Executive Committee plan and the running of the Partys office.

3. Chairman

- The person managing the board of the Executive Committee and presiding all Executive meetings.
- The person has oversight of the management, financial report and administration of the Party.
- The Chairman can assist to represent or replace the Party Leader or Secretary General at representing the Party, locally and internationally.
- Other duties and responsibility will be assigned to the Chaiman on approval by the Executive Committee for specific duties.
- The Vice-Chairman will stand in to replace the Chairman in his absence or replace the Chairman temporarily in the case of death and resignation.

4. Treasurer

- The person in this post is the custodian of the fund and properties of the party.
- Administration of financial/assets accountability and financial/assets reports of the Party.
- Other duties and responsibility would be assigned by decision of the Executive Committee.

5. District Representatives

- The person will be under direct supervision of the Party Leader and they have the primary role in organizing an organization body with the party that would propagate and campaign for the Party according to its Campaign strategic Plan implementation for election.
- The organization of District level will have its own Committee structure that would manage the district campaign strategic plan.
- Other duties and responsibilities will be assigned to the district organization by the Party Leader on approval of the Executive Committee.

6. Party Association

The association would be with the party structure on national level which would be as follows:

- Woman's association that will have its own committee structure and represents the woman in the party on national level and internationally.
- Youth association that will have its own committee structure and represent the youth in the party on national level and internationally

- Men association that will have its own committee structure and represent the men in the party on national level and internationally.
- Other associations.

The association would be under direct supervision of the Party Leader on implementing the strategic plan of the party.

Article VI

6.0. Party Financial Support

- 6.1. ▶ Funds shall be comprised of membership fees; revenues raised from activities and donations by businessmen, individuals and NGO's.
- 6.2. ▶ The Party will accept donations provided that the donation is not conditioning and compromising the party's aims and campaign strategic plan for election.
- 6.3. ▶ The Party will have a national bank account in which shall be deposited and conducting any financial transactions. The Treasurer shall be the person in charge of monitoring the bank account. All financial transactions must be signed by two party representatives and an executive committee member as designated.
- 6.4. ▶ The account will be audited by a licensed local auditor and the auditor will be approved by registered members over a convention or executive members if a convention has not had the time to endorse the auditor.

Article VII

7.0. Social Media & Publications

The party will have its own publication and social media platform for campaign strategic aims and objectives approved the executive committee.

Article VIII

8.0. Executive Responsibilities

8.1. ▶ Logistic & Support Coordinator

The person in the post will be appointed by the Executive committee and will be a member of the executive committee. He/ She will work in collaboration with Treasurer and Secretariat office of the Party to support the District Representatives in its task of political campaign and other logistic support approves and assign by Executive Committee for implementation.

He/ She would have an oversight of the district organization financial spending as per requested by Treasurer and he would be in charge of District finance support distribution.

8.2. ▶ Media Marketing Coordinator

The person will be in charge of all media marketing and publication. The person will also be the one that would manage the marketing of the party- political agenda for each district.

8.3. ▶ IT Coordinator

The person in the post shall be the one competent to be the IT coordinator for all the functionalities of the party IT monitoring platform of social media and Office.

Article IX

9.0. The Party By-Laws & Code of Conduct

- 9.1. ▶ The Executive Committee will have the mandate and authority to make By-laws and code of conduct of the party for implementation in provision of the Constitution and regulate proceeding and procedure of functioning the party structure.
- 9.2. ▶ The By-Laws and code of conduct shall be consistent of the Party Constitution, not contradictory to the provision of the Constitution.
- 9.3. ▶ The Executives Committee shall have the power to draft/write and amend the By-Laws and code of conduct but prior approval by register members for such action to be taken.
- 9.3. ▶ The registered members may propose or amend the By-Laws and code of conduct to the Executive Committee, by a written letter of notification to the secretary general of the Party which shall bring the proposal over the Executive Committee for consideration and approval and endorsement later by register members over a Extraordinary or Party Convention.

Article X

10.0. Amendments

- 10.1.** ▶ This Constitution shall be amended by a motion submitted and passed in a Party Convention.
- 10.2.** ▶ Amendment of any clause in By-law and code of conduct required to be submitted one months prior to a Party Convention by a written letter to secretary general of the Party so that it can be approve by Executive Committee and endorsed by the Registered Members.
- 10.3.** ▶ A proposed resolution to amend the Constitution shall have the majority vote of registered members present in a convention to be passed.



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